



Board Talk continued...

Several board members attended the opening of the Mike Moore Exhibition at the Ngaio Fine Arts Gallery along with Deb Ryan and Stephen Breayley (Jacob's parents). Anna, Rosie Matheson and Jacob were there from school. A percentage of all sales from this exhibition is being donated by Mike and the Gallery Owners to Kimi Ora and will go towards the purchase of the vans.

Each month policies come due for review. This month the policies reviewed were: Non Financial Delegations; Conflicts of Interest and Use of School Facilities.

The new Health and Safety Reform bill comes into effect in April 2016. Shirley has already attended a training and I will attend one this week and other board members early in the New Year. Health and Safety risks are one of the factors that were discussed when we agreed as a Board to continue with the policy of not allowing access to the school facilities by others at this stage. We think that the risks outweigh the benefits. This led us to decline a proposal we had received from an organisation that wanted to hire our pool.

Our next board meeting is 17 November, 7-10pm at the staff room of Kimi Ora, Naenae. Board meetings are public, which means all parents are welcome to attend. The Board is responsible for school governance and the Principal for school management. If you have any issues you think are governance issues, contact Shirley or myself, pwood.nz@gmail.com or 021 1655329.

Nga Mihi,

Philippa



Thank You

Last week we had a colour day. We all wore bright clothes and shared jokes. This was to raise money for Tane's Auntie Nikki who was badly injured in a lawn mover accident.

We raised over \$400 for Nikki and put together the funniest movie with everyone's jokes to send up to Nikki.



Introducing Lee Sutton - Staff Trustee on the BOT..

Hi, I'm Lee Sutton the new Staff Trustee on the Board. I am a Physiotherapist and Team Leader of the Therapy Team.

I have been employed by Kimi Ora School since April 2000. I started working one day/week doing the Moderate Needs Contract as I was just returning to the work force after five years at home looking after my three young children. As my children got older, I gradually increased my hours of work to three days a week for many years and have been full time for the last four years or so. I changed from doing the Moderate Needs Contract to working within the school in 2006.

I absolutely love working at Kimi Ora School and am very proud of the quality of education and therapy that we deliver to our students. We are always moving forwards and thinking of new and innovative ways to get the best out of our students and help them reach their potential.

My three sons are now all studying at Otago University and I find myself at home with the dog and cat during the term but fortunately they still come back for the many university holidays.



It's always a busy week at Kimi - swimming, music, life skills...